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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. At the invitation of Colonel Walter Choinski, [redacted] spent a day at Fort Holibird primarily to become familiar with the language training program. Following a brief visit with General Prather, a carefully planned tour was followed.

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3. The after-hours Polish course still is not underway. About six weeks ago, following assurances that four persons were interested, provisional arrangements were made with Georgetown. When offered a definite plan, three of the "interested" persons backed out. About three weeks ago we were again assured of a total of four, but to date have only one application. We have suggested that it might be desirable to wait until fall.

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4. [redacted] recently took an opportunity to tell [redacted] of ways in which [redacted] can profitably employ, full-time or part-time, persons temporarily unproductive because of health restrictions or intervals between assignments. Another opportunity was taken to tell the same to [redacted] Personnel.

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5. Intensive Persian will begin on 17 June with three students [redacted]

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6. We still are having trouble locating staff employee instructors for out-of-hours French, Spanish and Italian. After we feel that suitable efforts will not produce instructors, we will look outside of the Agency for persons to employ on contract.

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7. [] has responded to [] inquiry that consideration of all factors suggests [] does not seem to be in the best interests of the Agency or of [] and that, if training seems appropriate, a year of academic study in the U.S., possibly followed sometime by an area familiarization trip, seems more suitable.

8. Extra non-scheduled Qualifications Review and Placement Panels this week will consider one candidate (NEA) for LAS intensive Persian beginning next week, one candidate (ORR) [] and one candidate (OTR to SE) [] intensive Greek.

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9. The full-time German class, which now consists of 5 students, has been out to a German lunch twice during the past 10 days. The first time, the class, accompanied by [] our new full-time contract employee, went to a small German restaurant on 11th Street where they were served bratwurst and other German refreshments by a waitress from Berlin. The second time, accompanied by Mrs. [] they went to the 823 Club and reported an equally delightful and instructive time. An excursion to the country is planned for the near future.

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10. The Language Advisory Committee met on Friday, 7 June. Besides the regular members of the committee [] were also present. [] addressed the committee on the functions of the Registrar and procedures to be followed in routing of external training requests and in discussions with candidates for external training. [] placed before the committee the problem of establishing a standard terminology for the titles of language courses which is desirable for machine carding, for the new CIA catalogue, and for all intra-agency reference. It was agreed that standardization is highly desirable and the first steps in this direction were taken.

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11. Fifth Area Advisory Committee meeting of 1957 disposed of all agenda items (in 60 minutes) which had been postponed to allow for [] clarification of new procedures in the Registrar's office at the previous meeting. Overall IAC agency quotas for registrations in area courses were agreed upon: 10 for surveys and 4 for seminars.

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12. [] NSA's Director of Training, visited a session of the Free Europe course in which his Deputy, [] introduced the final phase of the course with a lecture on "International Tensions within Free Europe." [] expressed to [] his gratification with the trend toward closer cooperation between the two training organizations.

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14. [] Branch in OCI, in a panel discussion on the first two countries and their strategic role in Free Europe.

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15. [] called on Mr. A. Doak Barnett, Head of State/FSI's Department of Area studies, who congratulated CIA on its "wall-rounded" area program. Barnett's department is new and its area training coverage is spotty; this program will apparently have to mark time when he resigns from State this month. He is recommending that area instruction be taken out of the Foreign Service School and joined with the Language School.

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16. [] presented a lecture on "Sociological Factors in the USSR" at the Strategic Intelligence School, 5 June, from 0830 to 0930 hours. Approximately 55 persons attended, most of them being military and naval attachés.

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17. The German Proficiency Test was given for fourteen people; the written part was given on 6 June and the oral part on 7 June. Mr. [] and Mrs. [] served on the panel for the oral test.

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18. The French test was given on 6 June for one person by special request, on 11 June for two people. Mrs. [] served on the oral panel on 11 June.

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19. The Hungarian test was given on 11 June for one person by special request. Mr. [] served on the oral panel.

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20. The Russian test was given by special request for one person on 11 June.

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21. On 5 June, [] conferred with Mr. [] to tell him the present state of the test development program.

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22. On 5 June, [] took part in discussions concerning the development of the course in Uzbek.

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23. On 6 June, [] went with Mr. [] to the FSI for the second meeting of the working group on proficiency tests. Others present were Drs. Hamilton and Trevino, FSI, and Mr. Benoit, USIA.

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24. On 7 June, [] went to the FSI for a meeting of the round-table on language teaching.

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